इसके सभी वासस्थलों के संरक्षण और विकास के लिए उपायों को सुदृढ़ बनाने के लिए प्रसम राज्य सरकार को सहायता देती है ।

4. हथियारों, वाहनों, नावों और बेतार सेटों से सुसज्जित सुरक्षा कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति करके उद्यानों में चोरी-छिपे शिकार-रोधी उपाय तेज किए गए हैं ।

5. दिन और रात दोनों वक्त चोरी-छिपे शिकार-रोधी कर्मचारियों की गश्त बढ़ा दी गई है ।

6. चोरी-छिपे शिकार करने वालों की गतिविधियों के बारे में सूचना प्राप्त करने के लिए पुरस्कार और प्रोत्साहन की एक प्रणाली शुरू की गई है ।

7. बाढ़ के समय जब गैंडे ऊंचे स्थानों पर एकत्र हो जाते हैं, उस समय उनका शिकार आसानी से किया जा सकता है, ऐसे समय में गैंडों की सुरक्षा के लिए विशेष गश्त लगाई जानी है ।

Sandal wood cutting in Karnataka and Tamilnadu

1283. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to book the culprits in the Sandal wood cutting case in the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu: and

(b) what is the total amount of loss of sandal wood to Government in those States as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Information from the Government of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Global Water Quality

1284. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Global Water Quality Monitoring Project the Indian river waters are unfit for drinking and bathing because of pollution;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) According to the data collected from 480 stations under the National Water Quality Monitoring Programme which is a part of the Global Environment Monitoring System, the water quality in some stretches of 22 rivers is below the standard desired for drinking and bathing. The causes of pollution in these rivers are discharge of untreated or partially treated wastewater from municipalities, industries and from a number of non-point sources.

(c) The various strategies adopted to control river pollution include:

(i) Studies of 14 major river basins in the country have been taken up to inventerise major sources of pollution and determine water quality status.

(ii) Standards for river quality has been prescribed;

(iii) Industries and municipalities have been directed to treat their effluents to the precribed standards within a time-frame;

(iv) Compliance of standards by industries is regularly monitored by the State Pollution Control Boards and by the Central Pollution Control Board through Zonal Task Forces.

(v) Prosecutions are launched against defaulting units;

(vi) Under the Ganga Action Plan, schemes for collection, treatment and disposal of municipal sewage are under implementation. Based on this model, an action plan for cleaning the identified polluted stretches of other rivers under a National River Action Plan has been proposed.

National plan for cleaning the rivers in the country

1285. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take up a national plan for cleaning of 13 grossly and some moderately polluted rivers in the country;

(b) if so, whether any perspective plan has been formulated by Government in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof stating the projected expenditure for the implementation of the scheme; and

(c) what measures are contemplated by Government at the local level on the lines of "Clean Ganga" campaign and to create public awarenes to keep the water sources free of contamination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A National River Action Plan (NRAP) for abatement of polluted stretches of some major rivers of the country is under formulation. Details in this regard are being worked out.

Nandan Kanan Zoological Park

1286. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 1st Juy, 1992 regarding starvation of animals and birds in the Nandan Kanan Zoological Park because of non-finalisation of the tender of the supply of food items to them causing deaths of certain animals; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Government have seen the report.

(b) The Nandan Kanan Zoological Park is being administered by the Government of Orissa, preliminary enquiries with whom have revealed that the Park Authorities did face some difficulty for a short while because of sudden cessassion of supply of animal feed by the contractors. It has been reported that the difficulty has been overcome by resorting to local purchase and the animals are being fed properly. The State Wild life Authorities have been requested to take all possible measures to ensure that the zoo animals receive uninterrupted and adequate supply of food.

Delhi Zoo

1287. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 8 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director and the workers union in the Zoo are at logger heads; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) While difference of view points do exist among the management and the staff of the National Zoological Park, Delhi, as in any establishment, in matters pertaining to personnel management animal up keep, Security of the Zoo etc. Efforts to resolve these differences to secure smooth running of the Park is a continuing endeavour.